

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CUBAN SITUATION

Representative H. R. Gross, February 7, 1963, UPI

Rep. H. R. Gross of Iowa, one of the newly-added Republican conservatives on the Foreign Affairs Committee. Said there might not be so many GOP complaints "if there was not so much managed news and managed information out of this Administration."

For one thing, Gross said, people would like to know why there was such a "Fiasco" at the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He said the responsibility for this should be fixed.

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Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, said the U. S. should apply "An ironclad blockade" on Cuba. Rep. William C. Cramer, R-Fla., favored an "Airtight trade ban" on nations which trade with Cuba."

Representative Armistead Selden, February 7, 1963; UPI

Meantime Rep. Armistead Selden, D-Ala. Chairman of a Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Latin America, said the real threat from Castro Cuba lies in its potential for subversion throughout the Americas.

He told the House whether Soviet arms in Cuba are "defensive" or "offensive" in the long run may be irrelevant.

"Our continued failure to recognize and cope with the export of Castroism in Latin America is an open invitation to the creation of new Vietnams on our own hemispheric border," he said.

Therefore, Selden said his Subcommittee will start hearings of Feb. 18 "Into the nature of the Castro-Communist subversive apparatus in the hemisphere."

Representative John S. Monagan, February 7, 1963, UPI

Rep. John S. Monagan, D-Conn., a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, joined Administration supporters firing back at the critics of U.S. intelligence estimates.

"Everyone is an expert on Cuba," Monagan said, "and strangely, the ones who have never been there. And particularly those who are the greatest distance from Cuba, are the greatest experts."